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Call to Artists for Commercial Alley – Victoria’s Outdoor Art Gallery

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VICTORIA, BC – Commercial Alley, Victoria’s Outdoor Art Gallery, is looking for a new art installation. Located between the 500 Block of Yates Street and Bastion Square, the outdoor gallery adds to the vitality of the area while retaining the alley’s use by local businesses. Established in 2014, the community enhancement project was developed in partnership between the City of Victoria and the Open Space Arts Society.

Local artists are invited to submit proposals for the fourth Commercial Alley installation, which will be showcased from August 2016 to August 2017 and launched during the Integrate Arts Festival. The artwork will be presented as a series of four, 1.2 metre by 2.4 metre panels.

Proposals are to include a statement of interest that expresses ideas for the artwork, a description of the work, a brief artist biography and 10 images of the artist’s past and current work. The selected artist will be paid a fee of \$1,750 and a \$250 stipend for shipping the artwork to the location. Installation of the artwork will be provided by the City of Victoria.

Artists are invited to learn more and ask questions at a proposal writing workshop to be held on Saturday, March 5, 2016 from 3 p.m. – 5 p.m. at Open Space, located on the second floor of 510 Fort Street.

The outdoor gallery’s first installation by renowned street artist Other, a.k.a. Troy Lovegates, depicted portraits of a wizened face as rough and aged as the surfaces they appear on. The second installation showcased Roy Green’s commissioned artwork, featuring four birds both iconic and indigenous to Vancouver Island; the Great blue heron, the Red-winged blackbird, the Pileated woodpecker, and the Rufous hummingbird. The current installation by Liz P. Dempsey features hybrid, human-animal creatures that are both mystical and regal.

Founded in 1972, Open Space is a Victoria-based, non-profit, artist-run centre that supports professional artists who utilize hybrid and experimental approaches to media, art, music and performance.

The Open Space Program Committee and representatives from the City of Victoria Art in Public Places Committee and the Victoria Youth Empowerment Society will review proposals that meet submission guidelines. Proposals are to be emailed to openspace@openspace.ca by 5 p.m. Pacific Time on Wednesday, March 30, 2016. For submission guidelines, visit: www.victoria.ca/publicart or www.openspace.ca/commercial_alley.

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